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Waste lands in Kuruvadi village, Udayarpalayam taluk.

* 410 *Q*.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total extent of waste lands available for cultivation in Kuruvadi village, Udayarpalam taluk;

(*b*) whether the Harijans ever applied for assignment of these lands to them; and

(*c*) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"(*a*) 9 acres 92 cents.
"(*b*) Yes, Sir. In 1940.
"(*c*) The applications were rejected as the lands were situated within the Cauvery Mettur Project area and as there was ban on assignment of these lands at that time."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Sir, is the ban still continuing? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I hope so, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, in reply to previous questions, the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue was pleased to say that these lands were reserved for Harijans. When there is a specific case like the Cauvery-bund land, he says there is a ban. Will the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of removing the ban and assigning these lands to the poor Harijans who have been cultivating the lands for a long time? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The previous question revealed, Sir, that when there is a reservation, the Harijans do not take advantage of it. But it differs in various places."

9-20 a.m. SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, it depends on the kind of soil which the Harijans naturally want,—whether the soil is hard, whether the land is good for them to cultivate and whether it would be advantageous or not. Hence, will the Government take into consideration the specific request of the Harijans in this case and see that the ban is removed and the land is allotted? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" There are certain rules obtaining now in regard to the matter. I shall examine whether anything can be done on the lines suggested by the hon. Member."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister was saying that he was hoping that the ban still continued. I want to know whether he has verified from local officials whether the ban is still there? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, the ban is there, because it is treated as a valuable land giving scope for irrigation facilities."

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, in view of the existence of the ban and as the land could not be assigned to poor Harijans, may I know whether the Government have any proposal to assign the land to rich mirasdars who are non-Harijans and who are at present cultivating the land? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" There is quite a number of layers of men between the rich mirasdars and poor people."

Assignment of poramboke lands in Mettupalayam and Perundalaiyur villages, Gobichettipalayam taluk.

* 411 Q.—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what is the total area of the bits of odai and foot-path poramboke lands in the Mettupalayam and Perundalaiyur villages of the Gobichettipalayam taluk, Coimbatore district, that were occupied by the adjacent land-owners for wet cultivation now evicted; and

(b) whether the Government propose to assign these cultivable lands on patta to Harijans?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Perundalaiyur village.—Nil, and Mettupalayam village 43 cents in fasli 1362.

" (b) No, Sir."

SRI P. G. MANICKAM :—" பெருந்தளையூர், மேட்டுப்பாளையம் கிராமங்களிலே அனேக துண்டு துண்டு நிலங்கள் அதிகமாக இருக்கின்றனவென்பது எனக்குத் தெரியும். அந்த நிலங்களையெல்லாம் கணக்கெடுத்து ஹரிஜனங்களுக்குக் கொடுக்க சர்க்கார் முன் வருமா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No, Sir, the Minister would not come forward because there are foot-paths and also poramboke odais which cannot be assigned."

Travelling allowance to village officers in Malabar.

* 412 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether village officers in Malabar are paid any travelling expenses for attending to Jamabandi duties; and

(b) whether the village headmen and accountants of Palghat taluk, Malabar, were paid any and if so, what 'batta' for attending to Jamabandi duties during the last three years?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) The village officers (adhigari and menon) and the village menials of villages lying beyond a radius of five miles from the Jamabandi camp are being paid allowance at the following rates for attending to Jamabandi duties :—

(1) Adhigari—Re. 1 each for one day only.